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**POTATO STOCKS:** Maine potato stocks on hand March 1, 2006 totaled 8.7 million cwt (hundredweight), seven percent below 2005's March 1 holdings. Disappearance to March 1 in the state totaled 7.0 million cwt, compared with 9.7 million cwt moved a year earlier. Storage on March 1 accounted for 55 percent of Maine's total production.

The 15 major potato states held 154 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2006, down eight percent from last year and seven percent below 2004. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2005 fall storage states' production, one percentage point below last year. Disappearance of 219 million cwt of potatoes is down six percent from last year for comparable states. Shrink and loss, at 20.1 million cwt so far this season, is down 18 percent from last year for comparable states. Processors in the nine major states used 115 million cwt of potatoes this season, down three percent from a year ago for comparable states. Dehydrating usage accounts for 23.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 11 percent from both last year and the same date in 2004.

**HONEY:** In 2005, New England honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.2 million pounds, an increase of 16 percent from 2004. Yields from New England's 22,700 colonies producing honey averaged 52 lbs in 2005, six percent above the 2004 average yield. Total value of production across all six states was \$2.4 million, up 14 percent from the previous year.

**MILK PRODUCTION:** Milk production in Vermont during February 2006 totaled 207 million pounds. There were an estimated 143,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during February unchanged from

January. Milk production per cow averaged 1,450 pounds during the month on Vermont farms.

Milk production in the 23 major milk-producing states during February 2006 totaled 13.0 billion pounds compared with 12.3 billion pounds during the same month the previous year. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 8.2 million head. Milk production per cow averaged 1,588 pounds during February.

**TROUT:** In 2005, the value of trout sold in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts totaled \$985,000, five percent above the value from the previous year.

In the three New England states during 2005, there were 20 producers selling trout and a total of 18 hatcheries distributing trout for restoration or conservation purposes. In Maine, 860,000 fish six inches or greater were distributed during 2005, with an estimated weight totaling 292,000 pounds.

Nationwide, the 2005 value of trout sold, excluding eggs, was \$69.1 million, four percent above the previous year. An additional \$5.1 million was generated from trout egg sales nationwide. The 2005 value of distributed fish was \$71.7 million across the nation, with eggs valued at an additional \$2.6 million. The complete *Trout Production* report is available on the Internet and includes more information about eggs, size of fish, and losses, as well as separate tables for percent sold by point of first sale.



**FALL POTATOES: Production and March 1 Stocks, 2005 – 2006 <sup>1/</sup>**

State	2004 Crop			2005 Crop		
	Production	Stocks March 1, 2005	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks March 1, 2006	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,648	1,500	41	3,240	900	28
Colorado	23,791	11,900	50	22,292	10,200	46
Idaho	131,970	64,000	48	116,975	55,000	47
<b>Maine</b>	<b>19,065</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15,736</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>55</b>
Michigan	13,650	3,600	26	13,920	3,600	26
Minnesota	18,920	8,800	47	17,630	7,100	40
Montana	3,551	2,400	68	3,434	2,900	84
Nebraska	9,288	2/	–	8,245	3,300	40
New York	5,184	700	14	5,226	1,300	25
North Dakota	26,765	13,100	49	20,500	6,700	33
Ohio	1,080	2/	–	2/	2/	–
Oregon	19,775	9,000	46	22,023	11,500	52
Pennsylvania	2,640	700	27	2/	2/	–
Washington	93,810	29,000	31	95,480	32,000	34
Wisconsin	30,450	10,700	35	27,880	10,500	38
<b>15 STATES</b>	<b>403,587</b>	<b>168,020</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>372,581</b>	<b>153,700</b>	<b>41</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

<sup>2/</sup> Combined into "other states"

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., March 15, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2000 – 2005 Crop Years**

Crop Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average											
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt											
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.00	5.25	5.45	5.85	5.70	5.80	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.75	7.05	6.05
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50
2005 <sup>2/</sup>	3/	5.90	6.25	7.45	8.15	8.20	8.40					

<sup>1/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed

<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast

<sup>3/</sup> Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2006 National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 2001 – 2006**

Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for Milk Sold												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.70	15.80	16.40	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	3/
2006 <sup>2/</sup>	15.30	15.00											

<sup>1/</sup> Before deductions for hauling, includes quality, quantity, and other premiums, excludes hauling subsidies

<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

<sup>3/</sup> 2005 Annual average will be available in April 2006.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

**MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, February 2005 – 2006**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks of 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Eggs Per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	
	February 2005	February 2006	February 2005	February 2006	February 2005	February 2006	February 2005	February 2006
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,936	2,906	3,001	2,960	2,199	2,196	66	65
Maine	4,055	4,026	4,113	4,095	1,629	2,076	67	85
United States	283,276	285,169	348,791	349,653	1,986	1,995	6,928	6,974

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., March 24, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, February 2006 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	143	143	143	1,430	1,580	1,450	204	226	207
New York	650	651	649	1,415	1,595	1,485	920	1,038	964
Pennsylvania	560	557	555	1,420	1,650	1,550	795	919	860
<b>United States</b> <sup>2/</sup>	8,084	8,195	8,205	1,522	1,710	1,588	12,301	14,014	13,029

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for month, including dry cows<sup>2/</sup> United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., March 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

## TROUT: Number of Operations, Value of Fish Sold and Distributed 2004 – 2005

State	Total Trout Operations		Operations Selling Trout				Operations Distributing Trout <sup>1/</sup>			
			Number of Operations		Total Value of Fish Sold		Number of Operations		Total Value of Distributed Fish	
	2004 <sup>2/</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>2/</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>2/</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>2/</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>2/</sup>	2005
	Number				1,000 Dollars		Number		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	6	6	3	3	360	411	3	3	3/	3/
Maine	15	15	7	8	212	178	8	8	3/	3/
Massachusetts	13	15	9	9	363	396	5	7	3/	3/
New England <sup>4/</sup>	34	36	19	20	935	985	16	18	3/	3/
United States <sup>5/</sup>	—	—	—	—	66,215	69,054	—	—	60,572	71,707
United States <sup>6/</sup>	592	601	365	346	71,045	74,191	262	283	62,156	74,258

<sup>1/</sup> Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes.<sup>2/</sup> Revised<sup>3/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations<sup>4/</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.<sup>5/</sup> Excludes value of eggs<sup>6/</sup> Includes value of eggsSOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

## TROUT: Number of Fish Sold and Distributed by Size Category, 2004 – 2005

State	Food Size: 12 Inches or longer			Stockers: 6 Inches – 12 Inches			Fingerlings: 1 Inch – 6 Inches		
	Number of fish	Live Weight		Number of fish	Live Weight		Number of fish	Live Weight	
		Average per Fish	Total		Average per Fish	Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs
<b>Trout Sold</b>									
New England <sup>1/</sup>									
2004	72	0.9	65	257	0.4	108	72	69.4	5
2005	115	1.0	110	242	0.3	76	33	30.3	1
<b>Trout Distributed</b>									
Connecticut									
2004 <sup>2/</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 <sup>2/</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maine									
2004	90	1.0	86	750	0.3	205	230	13.0	3
2005	87	1.0	85	773	0.3	207	2/	2/	2/
Massachusetts									
2004 <sup>2/</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2005 <sup>2/</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>1/</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.<sup>2/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operationsSOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDABEE and HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value, and Stock 2004 – 2005 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Average Price per Pound <sup>2/</sup>		Value of Production		Stocks <sup>3/</sup> as of December 15	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents		1,000 Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
Maine	7.0	8.0	31	26	217	208	127	187	278	389	37	193
Vermont	6.0	6.0	68	91	408	546	151	106	616	579	192	169
CT, MA, NH, RI <sup>4/</sup>	7.8	8.7	50	49	391	425	302	330	1,180	1,403	151	184
New England	20.8	22.7	49	52	1,016	1,179	204	201	2,072	2,371	380	546
United States	2,556.0	2,410.0	72	73	183,582	174,643	107	90	196,259	157,795	61,222	62,406

<sup>1/</sup> For producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.<sup>2/</sup> Prices weighted by sales.<sup>3/</sup> Stocks held by producers.<sup>4/</sup> Individual States are not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations or because the State has less than 1,000 honey producing colonies.SOURCE: **Honey**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

## MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, January 2006 with Comparisons

Product	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	January 2006 as a percent of:	
				January 2005	December 2005
		1,000 Pounds			Percent
Butter	4,525	2,523	3,507	78	139
American type Cheese <sup>1/</sup>	6,155	5,413	6,421	104	119
Mozzarella Cheese	5,971	2,822	2,938	49	104
Other Italian Cheese <sup>2/</sup>	1,061	1,790	1,610	152	90
Cottage Cheese <sup>3/</sup>	532	468	504	95	108
		1,000 Gallons			Percent
Hard Ice Cream	7,919	7,098	8,563	108	121
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	1,053	772	1,082	103	140
Milk Sherbet, Hard	206	128	196	95	153

<sup>1/</sup> American type cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella

<sup>3/</sup> Creamed and low fat

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 p.m., March 3, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

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